

# Kin-Buc closing plan studie

NEWARK — Operations at Edison's Kin-Buc landfill will cease Jan. 15, if a proposal for closing the controversial chemical dump as presented at a hearing yesterday is approved by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Representing the DEP, deputy attorney general John Van Dalen read into the hearing record a six-page, 12 part proposal which he termed "in the best interest of the public", which he said was the result of an agreement between the DEP, PUC, and Kin-Buc, Inc.

Under the proposal Kin-Buc will submit to the DEP within 10 days of Oct. 15, a specific closing plan to cease disposing all chemical waste at the site by Jan. 15.

The site will be covered with two feet of cover material such as clay, to support vegetation, within six months of submission of closing plan, and ground seeding will be done during the spring, unless otherwise authorized.

Kin-Buc also agreed to submit a design for a leachate collection system to be installed and in operation as soon as possible but no later than three months after acceptance of closure plan. It will also submit a design for a supplemental leachate system to be used if needed. Leachate is the liquid runoff from the storage mound.

DEP will also have to approve Kin-Buc's conceptional design for a dike along the Raritan River as well as a leachate system behind the dike.

Seven wells are to be installed around the site and Kin-Buc agreed to monitor and analyze the system's waste material once a month. The DEP will determine the flow of wells.

Kin-Buc also agreed not to dispose of liquids, and hazardous waste the closure phase and to advise its customers in writing of this fact and also to post notices at plant entrances to this effect.

Kin-Buc also agreed to post a \$50,000 compliance bond which will expire if the work is completed on Jan. 15.

Harold Kaplan, the hearing examiner, ordered Van Dalen to submit a list of alternative sites for the disposal of solid and chemical waste at a hearing today, the second of three meetings scheduled.

Although members of the Citizen's Com-

mittee to Close Kin-Buc agreed the proposal was a step in the right direction, they weren't certain about the effects of Kin-Buc in the distant future.

According to William J. Greco, professional advisor to the committee, an agreement had to be reached. But he said, "we feel many other problems may arise so that the citizens of Edison must be assured that every protection will be taken so that noxious fumes and chemical waste will not endanger their lives."

He said it will take several years before it can be determined that the landfill was

properly closed and has no far-reaching affects. "We don't want to close the door by being party to the agreement now," he said.

Edison Township Attorney Roland Winter and assistant Middlesex County counsel Israel H. Saltman, who said the agreement did not go far enough into the future, said they neither rejected nor supported the agreement but would withdraw as interveners so that should the occasion arise at some future date, they would be able to pursue the matter through legal channels.

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